



# LARRAKEYAH PRIMARY SCHOOL

# NEWSLETTER

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## FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents and Guardians,

It has been great to see students return enthusiastically to school after the mid-semester break. Welcome to Bridie Dix who has replaced Dina Zikos whilst she is on maternity leave. Welcome to Jenny Nguyen who is working this term as a support teacher. Our maintenance officer, Anthony Durdin, has now retired. Anthony has been an excellent maintenance officer and will be sadly missed. We wish him all the best for his retirement. Welcome to Jo Higgins who is acting maintenance officer.

Congratulations to Brad King who is acting Assistant Principal and Nidia Korfias who is acting senior teacher middle primary.

For another year, Amanda Holtham, NT Amanda Hotham, NT Manager Qube Port Manager, Qube Ports Pty Ltd, has organised for Qube Ports to provide

sponsorship to Larrakeyah Primary as an incentive for our students to demonstrate good behaviour that reflects our school values. Qube Ports philosophy of 'Making Zero Harm Your Choice' aligns to safe schools. Each term a class will receive an award/class prize for their consistent good behaviour and good standing in the school. We thank Qube Ports for their continued sponsorship. Last term, the winning class for the award was Year 2 Dowling – congratulations.

The City of Darwin have erected a sign prohibiting a "Right Hand Turn" from Packard Street into the main school "Kiss and Go" carpark. The intent is to relocate the queue for the Kiss and Go area from Packard Street to Larrakeyah Terrace and Murray Street, reducing congestion on Packard Street, aiming to

improve the safety of pedestrians using the school crossing. Council has advised that Police will be attendance at the beginning of this term to enforce this road rule. Parents should be accessing the "Kiss and Go" carpark by arriving via Larrakeyah Terrace and Murray Street.

On advice from the school, The City of Darwin also installed kerb extensions on each side of the school crossing during the school holidays to increase the visibility of both the crossing and pedestrians about to enter the school crossing. Please be aware of the crossing and stop to give way to pedestrians on the crossing.

Regards,

Fathma Mauger  
Principal



**Our Ambition:** Every child in the Northern Territory has the best start in life and, through early learning and school education, gains a bright future.



We are proud to be part of the world's largest international community of schools.



Larrakeyah Primary School is a member of the Darwin City Schools and in partnership with Darwin Middle School, Darwin High School, Northern Territory Open Education Centre, Ludmilla Primary School, Stuart Park Primary School and Parap Primary School.

The community of Larrakeyah Primary School acknowledges and pays respect to the Traditional Custodians of the land on which it is based, the Larrakia People, and pays respect to the Elders—past present and emerging

## ABSENCES

To ensure we keep our  
Attendance

Records correct please contact our  
Front Office if your child/children are  
absent.

You can contact us on **89813211**.

Alternatively, you can notify us via our  
website or our Skool Bag App.

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Primary School App



The Larrakeyah Primary School app is  
available to download. If you prefer  
using the school website, please  
check the *Skool Bag* console in the  
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## **DATES TO REMEMBER**

**Friday 23rd April**

ANZAC Day Assembly.

**Monday 26th April**

ANZAC Day Public Holiday.

**Thursday 6th May**

ZONE Trial Day.

**Monday 10th May**

STEAM Dance.

**Tuesday 11th - Friday 21st May**

NAPLAN.

**Wednesday 12th—Friday 14th May**

Year 4 Camp.

**Monday 24th May**

Music Performance.

**Monday 24th—Thursday 27th May**

Year 6 Camp.

**Monday 31st May— Thursday 3rd June**

Year 5 Camp.

**Thursday 10th—11th June**

Year 3 Camp.

**Wednesday 16th June**

Middle/ Upper Sports Day.

**Thursday 17th June**

Early Childhood Sports Day.

**Friday 18th June**

Whole School Sports Day.

**Wednesday 23rd June**

ZONE GALA Day.



# Recommended School Access



## Who's your special ANZAC? Commemorate them, know their story!

Families Defence and civilian alike are asked to email photos of your special Anzac (both current serving and past) to acknowledge students family military history. This is what Anzac Day looks like in our community! It isn't just the historic soldier at Gallipoli or the Western Front, it also looks like .... well many people in our community. So, please email your families military history photo to



[Jodie.murdoch@education.gov.nt.au](mailto:Jodie.murdoch@education.gov.nt.au) with your Defence person's name, an interesting detail (ie. Name, title conflict, unit, age) and the associated student name so your special Defence person can be put in this year's display. Or if you have a photo of past commemorations they also would be appreciated.

# **PMP (Perceptual Motor Program)**

This week our PMP Program commenced for our Transition and Year 1 students, including 1/2 Reynolds. This will continue once a week for the remainder of the school year.

The Perceptual Motor Program (PMP) is a movement-based program which helps younger students improve their eye/hand and eye/foot coordination, fitness, balance, locomotion and eye-tracking skills. Based at the school, the program uses a variety of equipment and focuses on engaging the students in semi-intensive activities.

Session 1 was a huge success and we look forward to watching the students develop their skills further.



## **FREE WHOLE SCHOOL PERFORMANCE**



On Monday the 10th of May, members of The Australian Ballet Dance Education Team will perform for our Transition to Year 6 Students. The performance is titled Wilaygu Ngayinybula (Possum's two minds) Wilay has two minds. One is cheeky, fun and creative. The other is serious, smart and organised. Both minds have their place, but Wilay gets into trouble when Cheeky Mind decides to hibernate in the dry season. Without the balance of both minds, Wilay starts to feel unhappy and weighed down by Serious Mind, but Wilay need only remember that all seasons pass.

There is no cost involved for students to attend the performance. Please contact Danni Mattiazzo via email at [danni.mattiazzo@education.nt.gov.au](mailto:danni.mattiazzo@education.nt.gov.au) should you require further clarification or have any questions.



# Reading Certificates 2021 (M/U.P)

## Term 1, Week 10

### Level 10

Lucas Lin

### Lexile

Amber Sidhu

Eli Harris

Nellie Corcoran

Penny Schoolmeester

Abby Saquin

Alyssa Gould

Suhas Rajapaksha

Andre Astadan

Andrey Bon

Angeleen Fong

Sulthan Sukarno

Ariki Hazeldine

Jake Mattiazzo

Terra Yeo

William Knight

Aanshi Bhatt

Chrissia Liveris

Lisa Zhang

Isabella Walczak



## 'Miss Felicity's Hat'

Did you know, there's a picture book being made that is inspired by Larrakeyah preschool? It's called Miss Felicity's Hat and it's being self-published by writer, Michelle Coleman, and artist, Isabel Lopes.

Many of you will remember Miss Felicity, the Assistant Educator who worked at Larrakeyah Preschool for many years! Set in Darwin during the wet season, Miss Felicity's Hat is about the beauty and power of nature, and the enduring influence of an inspiring educator.

Michelle and Isabel would like to invite you to sign up to their Miss Felicity's Hat newsletter, which will track progress of the book and include stories about nature hunts, feathers and connecting with nature. You can sign up by following this link and adding your name and email address:

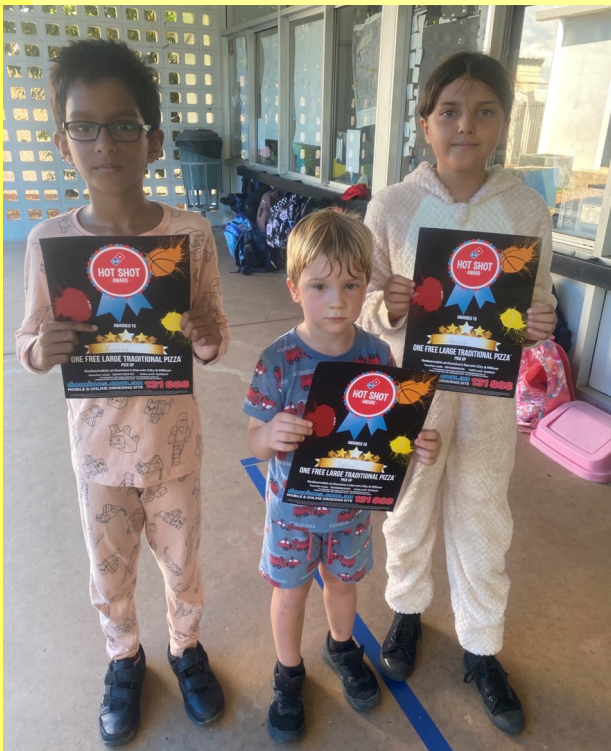
<http://www.smidginbooks.com.au/miss-felicitys-hat/>.

Special thanks goes to Storyprojects and Larrakeyah Preschool Teacher Mrs Boeck for their support in creating this book, which showcases Darwin's wet season (including Cyclone Marcus) and the diversity of our community. Thank you also to Larrakeyah Primary School for spreading the word and getting behind this special project!





## PJ DRESS UP DAY







# Larrakeyah Primary



# ANZAC Day

## Assembly



All parents, carers, veterans & friends are invited to join the students for the ANZAC Day Assembly on



***Friday 29<sup>th</sup> April 2021 at 8:30am to 9am in the Assembly area.***

The ceremony will be hosted by our School Captains Nathan Ware & Nina Dyer, guest speaker Wing Commander Andrew Anthony, Ode by Major Jason Perrins; flag raising by Larrakeyah Sea Scouts with a trumpet performance of the "Last Post" by Peter Harvey. "What ANZAC Day looks like in our community" will be on display around the school, please feel free to place a poppy on your family's special Anzac.

Please feel welcome to stay and have a cuppa and Anzac biscuits after the assembly to share the mateship of our community.





Hope you had a relaxing break and are ready for a busy Term 2.

We have the ANZAC Day Assembly at Larrakeyah Primary School on Friday the 23rd of April at 8:30am. A couple of parents have kindly volunteered to be our guest speakers. Our students will be hosting, wreath laying and playing our music for the event. Please know that everyone in the community is welcome to join us for our commemoration but we ask that you sign in to the attendance register on your arrival to the assembly area. Feel free to stay for a cuppa and Anzac biscuits after the assembly.

At Defence Kids Club on Tuesday at lunchtime, students were busy making paper slouch hats and talking about Anzac Day. They were talking about getting up in the dark for the Dawn Service and sometimes the long wait to watch a parent march by, or last year's driveway/balcony Anzac Day commemorations. For any of you involved in Anzac Day commemorations or parades I hope your Sunday is special.

With the change in weather please make sure all belongings like jackets and especially hats and water bottles have their names on so they are less likely to go missing or can be returned when found.

With the change of season so too do training/exercise schedules, so if you have an ADF parent/partner away please notify me and your child's teacher so we can support your child during this time. Whether it is sending photos and emails to the family member away, making treasures or just checking in to see how things are going it can make a difference to coping and adjusting to the changes and challenges. I would also encourage you to register via Defence Family Helpline 1800 624608 for Absent Partner Support and request a bear and book pack for the children. The DCO website has information and assistance for dealing with time apart <http://www.defence.gov.au/DCO/> including family care plans.

This year's 2021 Walk off the War Within, will be held on Saturday 1st of May at East Point Reserve Darwin. For more information see <https://walkoffww.com/>

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